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PROJECT - BELGIAN INVITATION TO INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS,
JUNE 9-13; FURTHER BELGIAN PLANS ON REVISED 1970 NATO OIL SPILLS
RESOLUTION

REF: A. USNATO 518 (NOTAL)

B. USNATO 5957 (NOTAL)

C. USNATO 5332 (NOTAL)

D. USNATO 5979 (NOTAL)

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SUMMARY: BELGIAN NATO DEL HAS JUST CIRCULATED TO OTHER ALLIES OFFICIAL

GOV INVITATION TO INT'L SCIENTIFIC MEETING ON COASTAL WATER
POLLUTION PILOT STUDY, TO TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 9-13, 1975 IN BRUSSELS,
AS FINAL PHASE OF BELGIAN-LED WORK IN THIS FIELD IN CONNECTION WITH
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NORTH SEA POLLUTIONMODELING PROJECT IN CCMS. BELGIAN DIRECTOR OF
PILOT STUDY, MARC RENSON, HAS ALSO BRIEFED MISSION INFORMALLY ON
CURRENT GOB PLANNING WITH RESPECT TO NEXT STAGE OF ACTIVITY ON
REVISING AND UPDATING 1970 NATO OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION AS PART OF

THIS OVERALL EFFORT IN CCMS. END SUMMARY.

1. BELGIANS HAVE EXTENDED THROUGH NATO DELS AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO ALLIED GOVTS TO ATTEND SUBJECT MEETING. DETAILS CONFORM ESSENTIALLY TO OUR PRELIMINARY UNDERSTANDING OF BELGIAN PLANS (REPORTED

REF A). ACCORDING BELGIAN INVITATION, FIRST TWO DAYS OF FIVE-DAY MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED TO SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS ON STATUS OF WORK IN THIS FIELD IN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED; THIRD DAY WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH DISCUSSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENTIFIC CONCLUSIONS. FOURTH AND FIFTH DAYS WILL BE CONCERNED WITH TASK OF DEVELOPING

TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN FINAL REPORT ON SUBJECT FOR SUBMISSION TO CCMS FALL 1975 PLENARY.

2. PRINCIPAL THEME OF SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS AT JUNE MEETING IS TO BE "THE CONTINENTAL SEA." MEETING WILL CONCENTRATE ON QUESTION OF MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF THESE WATERS (RATHER THAN ON EXPLOITATION OF THE SEA BED). ON-SHORE COASTAL ZONES, AS WELL AS ESTUARIES AND OTHER OUTFLOWS (E.G., SEWAGE CONDUITS) WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY TO EXTENT THAT THEIR IMPORTANCE AS FACTORS WITH RESPECT TO MANAGEMENT OF CONTINENTAL SEA WATER QUALITY IS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED. MANAGEMENT OF ON-SHORE COASTAL ZONES THEMSELVES WILL NOT BE COVERED.

3. BELGIAN HOSTS REQUEST THAT FOR FINAL TWO DAYS OF JUNE MEETING EACH PARTICIPANT COUNTRY DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT DELEGATE AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN WORK OF FORMULATING AT THAT TIME THE FINAL RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CCMS. BELGIANS PARTICULARLY ASK THAT THESE DELEGATES ALSO PARTICIPATE IN FIRST THREE DAYS' PROCEEDINGS, WHICH WILL PROVIDE BASIS FOR DEVELOPING FINAL RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. BELGIANS REQUEST CONFIRMATION BY MARCH 1 OF EACH GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE. THEY WISH TO KNOW EXPECTED SIZE OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS BY MARCH 15, AND SPECIFIC COMPOSITION OF EACH DELEGATION BY APRIL 1. THEY REQUEST ADVANCE COPIES OF WORKING PAPERS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING BY MAY 1 SO AS TO ENSURE TIMELY DISTRIBUTION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS. IN ORDER EXPEDITE MATTERS DURING JUNE EVENT, BELGIANS REQUEST THAT EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTRY APPOINT ONE MEMBER OF ITS DELEGATION TO PRESENT AT THE MEETING A SYNTHESIS (NOT TO EXCEED 45 MINUTES) OF ALL WORKING PAPERS SUBMITTED BY ITS NATIONALS AND SELECTED BY THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE. PLEASE ADVISE ON FOREGOING BY DEADLINES SPECIFIED ABOVE.

5. BELGIAN LETTER OF INVITATION IS SIGNED BY A. STENMANS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF PROGRAM FOR SCIENCE POLICY (PROGRAMMATION DE LA POLITIQUE SCIENTIFIQUE), OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER. CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING MEETING SHOULD GO TO MR. STENMANS.

6. BELGIAN NATO DEL'S COVERING LETTER ALSO REQUESTS ALLIED CONCURRENCE BY SILENT CONSENT (EFFECTIVE MARCH 1) IN BELGIUM'S INVITING OBSERVERS TO THE MEETING FROM SWEDEN, FINLAND, SPAIN, AND COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, PLUS TWO TECHNICAL BODIES IDENTIFIED AS COMITE INT'L DE L'EXPLOITATION DE LA MER AND COMITE OCEANOGRAPHIQUE INT'L. UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED, WE WILL ASSUME NO US OBJECTION.

7. COMMANDANT MARC RENSON OF THE PROGRAMMATION DE LA POLITIQUE SCIENTIFIQUE, BELGIAN DIRECTOR OF CCMS COASTAL WATER POLLUTION PILOT STUDY, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF AOB ARRANGEMENTS, HAS INFORMED MISSION HE IS PRESENTLY CONSULTING WITH MR. NEIL CAMPBELL, CANADIAN CO-CHAIRMAN FOR MEETING, ON THE COMPLETE AGENDA, WHICH HE EXPECTS TO ISSUE BY END OF FEB.

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8. MISSION HAS POUCHED COPIES OF BELGIAN LETTER OF INVITATION (IN FRENCH) TO DEPT (RPM/CMPBELL) AND EPC(HARRIS). EARLIER BELGIAN PLANS IN THIS REGARD AT TIME OF 1974 FALL PLENARY ARE REPORTED IN REF B.

9. OIL SPILLS - RENSON ADDED THAT BELGIAN PLANS WITH RESPECT TO FURTHER CCMS ACTION ON 1970 NATO OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION ARE ON A HTE TRACK AND THAT THIS OTHER MAJOR COMPONENT OF COASTAL WATER POLLUTION PILOT STUDY WILL BE DEALT WITH ONLY IN PART AT JUNE MEETING (IN PRESENTATION PLANNED BY PORTUGAL ON POLLUTION BY HYDROCARBONS). ACCORDING RENSON, BELGIAN EXPERTS HAVE COMPLETED WORK ON DRAFT

REVISION AND UPDATE OF 1970 RESOLUTION, FOLLOWING UP ON DELIBERATIONS
OF EXPERTS MEETING ON SUBJECT AT NATO LAST SEPTEMBER (REF C).
BELGIUM PLANS TO CIRCULATE THIS NEW TEXT FOR ALLIED COMMENT IN NEAR
FUTURE AND EXPERTS TO TABLE IT FOR ACTION BY CCMS AT SPRING
1975 PLENARY. RENSON COMMENTED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINDINGS
OF LAST SEPTEMBER'S EXPERTS MEETING, THIS UPDATED RESOLUTION
TAKES ACCOUNT, AMONG OTHER DEVELOPEMENTS, OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS
AND NEW EXPERIENCE GAINED SINCE 1970 IN FIELD OF TECHNOLOGICAL
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COUNTERMEASURES FOR DEALING WITH OIL SPILLS AND DRAWS ATTENTION
TO THIS SPECIFIC AREAS AS ONE IN HICH CCMS COULD EFFECTIVELY MAKE
SIGNIFICANT FURTHER CONTRIBUTION ON OVERALL PROBLEM. (FYI -
THIS CONCUSION OF THE SEPTEMBER EXPERTS' MEETING WAS SUPPORTED BY
US DEL (DOT UNDER SECRETARY BARNUM) AT CCMS FALL 1974 PLENARY (REF D)

RENSON'S CURRENT TIMETABLE IS TO FOLLOW UP CCMS ACTION ON REVISED
OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION AT FORTHCOMING SPRING 1975 PLENARY, WITH
PRESENTATION OF DETAILED BELGIAN PROPOSAL AT FALL 1975 CCMS PLENARY
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